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REMARKS

This application claims priority to German Patent application No. 103 30 944.6 filed on July 8, 2003, and PCT/DE2004/001486 filed on July 8, 2004.

In the instant national phase application claims 6-15 (presented in German to the undersigned by Applicant as claims "1-10") were simply appended to original claims 1-5 appearing in the priority German application. Claims 6-15 were not amended at that time to correct claim dependencies. By this Preliminary Amendment Applicant is canceling claims 1-5 and correcting the dependencies of pending claims 7, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 15.

A favorable action on the merits of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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